this stage. The benefits derived from multiplier effect of the investments ,and additional economic activity in the SEZs and the employment generated will far outweigh the tax exemptions.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Caution for private sector regarding relationship between the tiller and the land

3685. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the first week of January, 2007, the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister cautioned the private sector to tread carefully, while entering the rural and agriculture sectors, stressing that the sacred relationship between the tiller and the land are respected;

(b) if so, Government are thinking of devising a mechanism so that the underlined ideas in part (a) above are achieved to an appreciable extent, and

(c) what are the salient features of that mechanism and what is the time-frame by which this would be established, so that rapid industrialization and economic development are not put on back-burner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) While addressing the Annual General Meeting of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on 8th January, 2007 the Prime Minister had observed that the issues such as land acquisition and displacement of people and their rehabilitation and resettlement should be transparently addressed and that a new Rehabilitation Policy will be finalized which should be more progressive, human and conducive to the long term welfare of all stakesholders.

(b) and (c) With reference to the issues raised on acquisition of land for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs), the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) has decided that the Ministry of Rural Development may be requested to reformulate a comprehensive Land Acquisition Act to

address all relevant issues and also to work out a comprehensive Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy ensuring livelihood from the project to at least one person from each displaced family. Ministry of Rural Development in formulating a new Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy and also a Land Acquisition Amendment Bill.

Rates of inflation under WPI

†3686 DR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of inflation under the wholesale price index have been published by the Office of Economic Adviser in Ministry of Commerce and Industry;

(b) if so, for which weeks from 9th September, 2006, till date, the inflation rates have been published;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is difference between the rates published earlier and the rates published recently; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof, and the reasons for these published rates being generally higher than the previously published rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For every week since 9th September, 2006 till the week ending 21st April, 2007.

(c) and (d) The weekly index of wholesale prices at the time of its initial compilation (with a lag of two weeks) is provisional because all the expected data is not received by then. The provisional index is made 'final' after a further period of eight weeks, by which time more of the required price data is expected to have become available. There may be difference between the rates of inflation published provisionally and the final rates of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.